

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-92. (Cancelled)

93. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for sending a secure message to multiple recipients comprising:

encrypting a message;

sending the encrypted message to a forwarding server, including providing a list of recipients to the forwarding server;

at the forwarding server, decrypting the encrypted message and determining a delivery preference for each recipient in the list of recipients; and

for each recipient that has a delivery preference, re-encrypting the message and delivering the re-encrypted message in accordance with the delivery preference.

94. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 99, wherein: notifying the recipient includes notifying the recipient that the message is available for retrieval through a secure link.

95-96. (Cancelled)

97. (Currently amended) A computing system for providing secure message services for messages addressed to multiple recipients, comprising:

a forwarding engine executing on a computer operable to:

receive an encrypted message and a list of recipients;

decrypt the encrypted message;

determine a delivery preference for each recipient in the list of recipients;  
for each recipient that has a delivery preference, re-encrypt the message and  
deliver ~~delivering~~ the re-encrypted message in accordance with the delivery preference;  
and

for each recipient that does not have a delivery preference, notify the recipient  
that the message is available for retrieval.

98. (Currently amended) The computing system ~~forwarding engine~~ of claim 97,  
wherein the forwarding engine is operable to:

notify the recipient that the message is available for retrieval through a secure link.

99. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 93, further  
comprising notifying each recipient that does not have a delivery preference that the message is  
available for retrieval.

100. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for sending a secure  
message to multiple recipients comprising:

encrypting a message;

sending the encrypted message to a forwarding server, including providing a list of  
recipients to the forwarding server;

at the forwarding server, decrypting the encrypted message and determining a decryption  
capability for each recipient in the list of recipients; and

for each recipient, re-encrypting the decrypted message according to the decryption  
capability of the recipient and delivering the re-encrypted message to the recipient.

101. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 100, further  
comprising:

for each recipient that does not have decryption capability or the decryption capability  
cannot be determined, notifying the recipient that the message is available for retrieval.

102. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method of claim 101,

wherein:

notifying the recipient includes notifying the recipient that the message is available for retrieval through a secure link.

103. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 100, wherein: determining a decryption capability for each recipient includes determining whether each recipient has an associated published key.

104. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 100, wherein: determining a decryption capability for each recipient includes determining whether each recipient has an associated certificate.

105. (Currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 100, wherein: determining the decryption capability of each recipient in the list of recipients includes selecting one decryption capability in accordance with a recipient's preference if the recipient has more than one decryption capability.

106. (Currently amended) A computing system for providing secure message services for messages addressed to multiple recipients, comprising:

a forwarding engine executing on a computer operable to:

receive an encrypted message and a list of recipients;

decrypt the encrypted message;

for each recipient in the list of recipients, determine whether the recipient has a decryption capability;

for each recipient with a decryption capability, re-encrypt the message according to the decryption capability of the recipient and deliver the re-encrypted message to the recipient; and

for each recipient that does not have a decryption capability, notify the recipient that the message is available for retrieval.

107. (Currently amended) The computing system ~~forwarding engine~~ of claim 106,

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wherein the forwarding engine is operable to:

notify the recipient that the message is available for retrieval through a secure link.

108-139. (Cancelled)